

# Resolution of the City of Minneapolis

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## Declaring the 1<sup>st</sup> of July “Somali American Day” in the City of Minneapolis

**Whereas**, the independence day of Somalia is a national holiday observed annually in Somalia and the Diaspora worldwide on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July; and

**Whereas**, many Somali refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today Somali Americans are one of the fastest growing immigrant groups in Minneapolis; and

**Whereas**, like many immigrant groups before them, Somali Americans sought shelter to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and

**Whereas**, Somali Americans play an integral role in building a vibrant and diverse Minneapolis, contributing socially, culturally, politically, and economically to our city; and

## Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the 1<sup>st</sup> of July every year be and hereby is declared “Somali American Day” in the City of Minneapolis. In making this declaration, the City recognizes and celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Somali Americans in Minneapolis.

Passed, April 11, 2014

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Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk